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Every cup of cold water, every tiny prayer, every confrontation with the bullies who oppress the poor, every song of praise or dance of joy, every work of art and music — nothing is wasted. The resurrection will affirm it, in ways we cannot begin to imagine, as part of God's new world.

N.T. Wright

A compassionless Christianity is no Christianity at all. I have always been moved by the presentation of Jesus from a Catholic Eucharistic Prayer: "To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation, to prisoners, freedom and to those in sorrow, joy."

E.J. Dionne, *Washington Post*

Catholicism is as much ethnicity as dogma: something in the blood, and something in the bones.

Frank Bruni, *New York Times*



The consumer society was laid down by the late Steve Jobs coming down the mountain with two tablets, iPad one and iPad two, and the result is that we now have a culture of iPod, iPhone, iTunes, i i i ... The answer to the consumer society is the world of faith, which the Jews call the world of Shabbat, where you can't shop and you can't spend and you spend your time with things that matter, with family.

Lord Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain

We have thirty million people in this country alone (USA), let alone those in Western Europe and other parts of the world, who have walked away from the Church, and has anybody in our leadership said, "Why don't we listen to them? Why are they walking away?"

Retired Bishop Thomas Gumbleton

